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In the Claims:

(currently amended) A lubricant intended for solid surfaces and comprising a
partially fluorinated compound of formula 1

$$RF-(A)_a-(O)_b-(B)_c-(D)_d-(RF)_e$$
 (1)

where wherein

RF is a perfluorinated radical of formula F(CF₂)_n-,

n is a number from 1 to 20,

A is C₁-C₃₀, preferably C₁-C₁₈, alkylene.

B is arylene having 6 to 14 carbon atoms or is a saturated or unsaturated monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 30, preferably 3 to 18 carbon atoms,

D is hydrogen, or C₄-C₃₀, preferably C₄-C₄₈, alkyl, a is zero or 1,

b, c, and d are zero, 1 or 2 and e is zero or 1, with the proviso that b and c are not simultaneously zero

and a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, d = 1, and e = 0.

- 2. (cancelled)
- 3. (currently amended) The <u>process of waxing a ski lubricant as claimed in claim 1, which is ski wax comprising the step of applying the lubricant according to Claim 1 to a surface of the ski.</u>
- 4. (currently amended) The lubricant as claimed in claim 1, in the form of a A solid, a solution or a dispersion comprising the lubricant according to Claim 1.

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- 5. (currently amended) The lubricant as claimed in claim 1 according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one second lubricant further fluorinated or nonfluorinated lubricants.
- 6. (new) The process of reducing the friction of a solid surface comprising the step of coating the solid surface with the lubricant according to Claim 1.
- 7. (new) The lubricant according to Claim 1, wherein A is a $C_1 C_{18}$ alkylene.
- 8. (new) The lubricant according to Claim 1, wherein B is a saturated or unsaturated monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 18 carbon atoms.
- 9. (new) The lubricant according to Claim 5, wherein the at least one second lubricant is fluorinated or nonfluorinated.
- 10. (new) A ski wax comprising the lubricant according to Claim 1.